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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

In response to the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee dated October 14, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein contained amendment:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this Response.